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Re: Contacting Former StorageTek Inventors

Dear Mr. Hammell:

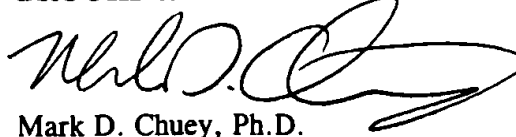
On January 19, 2001, you contacted me by telephone to request that I have no further direct contact with any former StorageTek employee now working for Cisco. You also stated that no such employee was willing to sign a Declaration or Assignment associated with any invention developed while working at StorageTek. You further indicated that you would confirm this in a letter to me. To date, I have received no such letter.

I am, therefore, writing to confirm the January 19, 2001 telephone conversation. First, Cisco requests that I not have direct contact with former StorageTek employees who are now working for Cisco. I understand these employees to be Mark Bakke, Timothy Kuik, and Edward Fiore. If this list is not complete or incorrect, please notify me as soon as possible. Second, you informed me that these three individuals refuse to sign any Declaration or Assignment associated with StorageTek inventions.

I plan to forward a copy of this letter to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as evidence of my inability to obtain signatures from these inventors.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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